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## Not business as usual



By Col. Carl Van Pelt  
48th Fighter Wing Commander

*The 48th Fighter Wing is in the midst of waging an effort of historical significance and great importance. We're evolving from our traditional mind set in which we sent our units to deployments and exercises off-station in peacetime, often requiring little support from home station.*

*As the 48th Air Expeditionary Wing, each of us must understand the difference between our traditional mind set and what we face today — we're not at peace, but rather supporting our Liberty Wing and NATO team in real combat, day in and day out, at all hours. At all times, you must think and act like a warrior. One thing is clear: it's not business as usual.*

### Liberty Wing Rule of Engagement (ROE)

Think like a warrior, not a staff person. At its essence, every Liberty Wing member's contribution represents combat capability.

*What does this mean for you personally? For what will most likely be something you'll experience only once or twice in your lifetime, you're being asked to make sacrifices that normally are not required — sacrifices of your time, focus, and energy.*

It's also important to remember that it's not only our airmen in blue who are being asked to make sacrifices, but our families and loved ones as well. We must dedicate ourselves to taking care of each other, especially the families of those deployed. Across the board — whether you're flying leading-edge F-15s from Italy, maintaining and supporting our jets at/from RAF Lakenheath, providing medical support at all locations or taking care of our families as a mother or a father — we're one team, one family.

We're each making history first-hand as Liberty Wing members. What we do today and how we do it will be recorded for future generations as part of our nation's airpower legacy. With our combat mind set and dedication towards "keeping the mission safe" and "taking care of each other", there's no doubt in my mind we'll emerge victorious on all fronts — both in our family lives and in combat.

## Action lines

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*Carl Van Pelt*  
48th Fighter Wing commander

### Studlands parking

Is there going to be anything done about the people parking on the street in the Studlands Park area, especially on Brickfields Avenue?

Thanks for your call. We have the potential for parking congestion in all our housing areas, but particularly in areas we lease on the economy.

Most of our houses only have design-

nated parking for one car, and many families bring a second car to the United Kingdom at their own expense, or purchase a second car after arrival.

I realize your concern revolves around "on street" parking, but you must remember that the traffic laws in these leased housing areas are enforced by the local constabulary, and local traffic laws apply.

We sent our security forces folks out to look at the area you called about, and they report that although congested, the street parking is legal (remember, a double yellow line painted on the road means "no parking").

If we ask for a change in the parking scheme in these areas, I'm afraid residents with two cars will have no place to park.

I encourage you to join your Neighborhood Watch program to see if you can reach a consensus in your community about the parking situation.

Keep in mind that a Neighborhood Watch is not just to watch out for suspicious activities, but to bring the community together to solve common concerns.



# Flexibility key to airpower

Usually when one refers to airpower, one thinks flying — a natural assumption. But, in truth, were it not for the intense efforts of aircraft maintenance crews, there would be no airpower. Even in the best of times, the work load is heavy and requires long hours and scrupulous management of airframe time so as to meet the daily flying requirements.

Now that we are flying combat missions out of three locations, the work load here has grown exponentially. Many unique and innovative ideas are being implemented to provide safe, reliable F-15E and C models ready to launch back into the fight with minimal downtime.

Before I go into these novel and exciting innovations, let me give a little background information to those not in the airplane business so you can better understand the Herculean efforts of our Liberty Wing team.

All F-15s must go through major periodic inspections every two hundred hours of flying time. These are called phase inspections. If an aircraft has accumulated 100 hours since the last inspection, it has 100 hours remaining until its next one. When applied to all the wing aircraft, this is known as the average fleet time, or simply fleet time. The trick is to manage aircraft and flying activities so when one aircraft completes an inspection, another becomes due.

This sounds pretty easy, but it's actually very complicated. It requires maintenance schedulers and flying schedulers to work very closely to plan the flying commitment of each of our 70-plus aircraft to ensure

none of the aircraft get too many or too few sorties and flying hours, and time changes and other scheduled maintenance actions are properly forecasted. Now, let's factor in operations occurring in three separate locations, as we are doing now, and add to that the long sorties and unanticipated "breaks" that occur on the combat aircraft, requiring lengthy troubleshooting and difficult repairs. Such turbulence really impacts the schedulers' ability to forecast the phases.

In peacetime, it's far easier to schedule down time for a jet because we know exactly how long the jets will fly, and with everyone home, the back shops are fully manned and aircraft parts flow in at a steady rate. Now that two-thirds of the jets are TDY, there is a massive congestion of phases and subsequent follow-on repairs here as we are doing all the phases at Lakenheath versus at the deployed locations.

So, in light of this dilemma facing us, we went to some extraordinary lengths to be flexible. To make this happen, innovative ideas had to be generated. In hangar 7, we set up six phase docks, with a capability of robusting to eight if needed. Each dock is headed by a technical sergeant, and the dedicated crew chief of the aircraft in for phase. There are also other specialties assigned: avionics, electro-environmental specialists, metals technicians and structural folks. The beauty of this hangar is several of these specialties al-

ready live here, so there is a resident-manpower pool with the heavy equipment and tooling required to do the necessary repairs readily available.

Additionally, across the base, in hangar 8, we have the contract field team, a group of 13 civilian contractors trained in heavy depot-level maintenance who have proven invaluable to us over the years. They not only do scheduled time-compliance technical orders, but also do unscheduled cracks and damage to aircraft surfaces, which saves us from flying in specially trained people and equipment. If necessary, we tow the jet over to hangar 8 for repair after it is finished its phase in hangar 7.

In addition to the assistance from the contract field team, we also have additional manpower assigned to these docks — the maintainers who came with the six jets we acquired from Elmendorf AFB, Ala., in April. These folks work both their own and our jets, as the work load mandates. They seamlessly merged into our work force, and are now deeply entrenched, providing Liberty Wing airpower with their F-15 expertise.

To top it all off, April 4, we asked for and received the added support of two teams from the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron based at Warner-Robins AFB, Ga. These folks have a long and distinguished history of aircraft battle-damage repair.

Established in 1965 to repair Vietnam crash and battle-damaged fixed-wing aircraft,

their duties have expanded to include heavy maintenance repairs outside the scope of wing level (like wing changes.)

Remember, the engine that exploded in a 494th aircraft on the runway last summer, causing massive fire and structural damage to it? The 653rd guys came here, took the jet apart to load on a C-5, and are now in the process of "stick-building" it from scratch — a job that may well take two years. The 653rd folks also do depot-level modifications and upgrades.

The Combat Logistic Support Squadron team consists of 14 people: four crew chiefs, six structural repair folks, two fuels troops, and two electro-environmental technicians. We have two full-up teams here now from Warner Robins, and they are augmenting our phase teams with their experience and knowledge. It's a give and take situation, as many of them haven't done actual phases before. They now have "pride in ownership."

They actually have their own dedicated dock now, and a portion of them are assigned to that dock. It's a blessing and benefit to have these folks on our Liberty Team, as we pull together during these hectic and demanding times.

Leading edge technology requires leading edge thinking and the folks who work in the 48th Air Expeditionary Wing phase docks have the talent, versatility, and drive to make a huge difference to the combat capability of this wing. Pushing aircraft through phases in record time, serves to push more jets to the fight. That is what we are all about... done right, each time, with class.

### Airpower videos

Today through Thursday, the commander's access channel shows four videos daily. They are "Medal of Honor" at 6 p.m., squadron commanders' videos at 7 p.m., "People, Power, Mission" at 10 p.m. and "Legends of Airpower" at 11 p.m.



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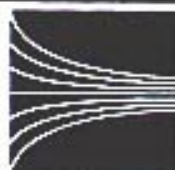
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# 48th AEW launches combat operations



Photo by SrA. Louis Rivers

A 492nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron F-15E takes off from RAF Lakenheath May 3 to attack targets in former Yugoslavia.

By Capt. Patrick Ryder  
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

A small contingent of F-15E Strike Eagle air-to-ground superiority fighter aircraft launched from here May 3 to attack targets in former Yugoslavia as part of NATO's Operation ALLIED FORCE. The aircraft and aircrew that participated in the combat mission are assigned to the 492nd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. All aircraft and aircrew returned to RAF Lakenheath safely.

It's the first time combat missions have been flown directly from the base since the El Dorado Canyon strikes against Libya in 1986.

Two other RAF Lakenheath units, the 494th EFS and the 493rd EFS, are forward

deployed to Italy and participating in Operation ALLIED FORCE as well.

Considered the world's most advanced air-to-ground superiority fighter, the Strike Eagle is a dual-role fighter capable of fighting its way to a target over long ranges, destroying enemy ground positions, and fighting its way back out. A pilot and weapon systems officer operate the aircraft.

Monday's successful mission demonstrates the aircraft's combat capability and effectiveness.

Advanced avionics give the Strike Eagle the ability to fight at low altitude, day or night and in bad weather. The "E's" radar system allows aircrews to pick out bridges and airfields on the radar display from more than 80 miles away.

Considered the cream of the new avionics crop, the Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night system (LANTIRN) consists of two external pods. The navigation pod contains terrain following radar and the targeting pod contains a laser designator and tracking system that marks an enemy for destruction up to 10 miles away.

For air-to-ground missions, the F-15E can carry most weapons in the Air Force inventory, including the 2,000-pound GBU-15, the AGM-130, and the GBU-28 "Bunker Buster."

It can also be armed with AIM-7F/M Sparrows, AIM-9 Sidewinders, and AIM-120 advanced medium range air-to-air missiles (AMRAAM). The "E" model also has an internally mounted 20mm gun which carries 450 rounds of ammunition.

## Super dorm opens

# Liberty Wing's '1+1' dorm largest in USAFE

By 1st Lt. Peter A. Kerr  
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

The first rooms in what will be the largest dormitory in the United States Air Forces in Europe opened here April 29 at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

A crowd of about 50 that included commanders, first sergeants, housing officials, and other community members attended the ribbon cutting ceremony, complete with an open house inspection of the rooms.

"This is an example of one of our wing's top priorities," said Col. Carl Van Pelt, 48th Fighter Wing commander. "This is about taking care of each other."

One hundred and four dorm rooms are now opened, and airmen began moving in April 30.

The "super dormitory" is scheduled to have all 416 rooms completed by June 2000. At that time, RAF Lakenheath will have the largest dormitory in USAFE, with its nearest competitor for the title being Spangdahlem AB, Germany, with a 192-room dormitory.

"The total cost of the '1+1' dorm figures to about \$30 million," said Ben Hizon, chief of unaccompanied personnel housing. The "1+1" concept provides a 118 square-foot sleeping room per occupant, with a shared bathroom and kitchen. This replaces the old "2+2" design that had two roommates share a bathroom with two roommates in an adjacent room.

The new dorms also feature walk-in closets, ovens with 4-burner cookers, microwaves, full-sized dishwashers and refrigerators.



Photo by SrA. Louis Rivers

Once completed, the dorm will have 416 rooms. Currently, 104 rooms are open.

"The rooms are really nice," said Amn. Adam Shantie, one of the first to get a room. "Everybody signed up to get a room, and I know the list filled up quick."

"It's an improvement to life," said A1C Branden Tucker.

"A nicer place will make people

happier."

The "1+1" quality of life initiative received strong support from all levels of leadership. The Air Force's goal is to provide all unaccompanied airmen this level of privacy by the end of fiscal year 2002.





Photo by SrA. Scott Asche

### Liberty Warriors: 48th Fire Protection Flight

Outstanding support to the 48th Fighter Wing during the Surety Inspection, Mar. 23 to April 1 got the 48th Fire Protection Flight noticed for exceptional performance. The flight was manned by highly motivated and superbly trained professional firefighters in all areas. The flight developed a superior weapons firefighting training program. The Fire Alarm Communication Center staff was the most knowledgeable in weapons movement and storage tracking seen to date. The

flight was noted for an exceptional booklet developed as a reference for each firefighter allowing easy recognitions of each weapon, its major hazards, and local firefighting tactics contributing to the overall success of the flight during both exercises and testing. At the fire exercises, firefighters performed superior rescue and firefighting actions by exhibiting precision teamwork, dedication to mission completion, and dynamic leadership.

## News notes

### AFAF exceeds goal

The Liberty Wing raised \$62,685 for the Air Force Assistance Fund. The goal was \$37,402. Team Liberty exceeded this goal by 168 percent.

The money raised will be distributed to the four AFAF affiliates, the Air Force Aid Society; Air Force Village Inc.; Air Force Enlisted Men's, Widow's and Dependent's Home Foundation Inc.; and the General and Mrs. Curtis LeMay Foundation.

According to Capt. Christopher Urdzik, 48th Fighter Wing AFAF representative, this was an outstanding achievement for Team Liberty, considering that many of the folks that needed to be contacted were deployed.

"It was a great effort by each unit representative to ensure everyone had the opportunity to contribute," said Urdzik.

### Be alert

World events have escalated protest activity in and around London. Liberty Wing members should exercise caution when visiting areas where large crowds are gathering and should avoid any protest activity. Remember to stay aware of surroundings. To report an incident or for more information, call the 48th Security Forces Squadron at 7-4631.

### Sick call appointments

Active-duty sick call is offered twice daily weekdays at the 48th Medical Group family-practice clinic. Sick-call appointments are currently available beginning at 1 p.m.

Beginning May 17, morning sick-call appointments are offered. Walk-in sick call is still available from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m. People can make appointments by calling central appointments at 7-8010 after 2 p.m. the day before, by calling the emergency department at 7-4226 after 8 p.m. the night before, or by calling family practice at 7-8736 between 6:15 to 7 a.m. the morning of the appointment.

Beginning May 17, afternoon walk-in sick call stops.

### Tax exclusion for operations

Mar. 22, the President has authorized people serving in combat zones to receive tax exclusion. The exclusion is for service members serving in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro), Albania, the Adriatic Sea, the Ionian Sea north of the 39th parallel and people performing official duties in airspace above these locations.

People should coordinate with their personnel readiness unit to ensure they have received the correct

orders for their deployment.

It is the members' home financial services office responsibility for processing the entitlements for missions performed. Call 7-1360 for more information.

### Plymouth Road closure

A portion of Plymouth Road in front of the swimming pool will be closed to through traffic beginning the week of May 10 to allow demolition of Electric Avenue and construction of the new skills development center. Access and parking to the swimming pool can go through the new dorm parking lot.

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## Weapon crews load 'bunker busters'



Photo by SrA. Jeffrey Allen

A pilot from the 494th EFS, 48th Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, deployed to Aviano AB, Italy, inspects a GBU-28 laser-guided bomb April 28.

By Staff Sgt. Kelley Stewart  
31st AEW Public Affairs

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — Weapons troops loaded 4,600-pound GBU-28s on F-15 Strike Eagles April 26 marking the first time "bunker busters" were used in combat by F-15 fighter aircraft.

A four-ship formation of F-15s left Aviano carrying two of the deep penetrating bombs as part of an arsenal of weaponry being used to support NATO's air campaign over the former Republic of Yugoslavia. GBU-28s were last used in combat during Desert Storm, by F-111 Aardvark fighters also from the 48th Fighter Wing.

No weapons loaders at Aviano were qualified to handle the bomb before the decision was made to use it in Operation Allied Force, according to Chief Master Sgt. Steven Hicks, 31st Air Expeditionary Wing Weapons manager.

A loading standardization crew from RAF Lakenheath, England, was brought in to train the squadron load crew here so the bombs could be loaded before the mission," said Hicks.

Both loading standardization and squadron load crews must be trained and qualified before they can train others.

"The guys are doing innovative stuff," said MSgt. Ricardo Febles, 31st AEW Weapons Standardization. "The AF1 (Air Force Instruction) says you can certify crews if you have two certifiers there to sign off."

Eventually, both the loading standardization crew and the squadron load crew were trained and certified on the procedures, Hicks said.

Since there are no GBU-28 training bombs at Aviano, a special waiver was required to load train with a live bomb.

"We'd never seen the operation performed, but stepped through the process using the (technical) data," Hicks said.

### *'Life support is our business'*

## 493rd EFS provides essentials for survival

By SrA Connie Etscheidt  
501st Expeditionary Operations Group public affairs

Living up to their motto, "life support is our business, and business is good," the 493rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron's six-man life support team here provides essential survival equipment that the pilots of NATO's Operation Allied Force need to complete each combat mission.

The life support team, SSgt. Ron Reffegge, A1C Tom Valenzuela and Amn. Rich Halt from RAF Lakenheath, England, and SSgt. Keith Watson, SrA. Terrence Brimfield and SrA. George Anderson from Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, has been supporting Cervia's pilots since late February.

The team services helmets, masks, survival vests, combat-edge vests, anti-G suits, anti-exposure suits and parachute harnesses. They help pilots suit up before each mission.

"Lurch," an F-15C pilot who allowed the use of his call sign for this article, said life support is vital to the mission because they prepare the jet's escape systems and ensure the pilot's personal survival gear is ready for

immediate use.

"These things can mean the difference between living and dying in any given mission," he said.

"Our lives depend on them," said "Claw," another F-15C pilot.

The team inspects and maintains life-sustaining flight gear like parachutes, helmets, masks, survival vests and survival kits.

"Every piece of equipment we inspect has to be perfect," said Watson.

"We can't make any mistakes whatsoever. If we give them a faulty piece of equipment, they could die."

As one of the last stops before each pilot's mission, life support functions as a locker room where the team prepares the pilots physically with equipment and the pilots prepare themselves mentally.

"There is mental preparation and resolving to make this the best flight possible," said Lurch.

"Putting on the equipment and tying it down is just like lacing up your pads and shoes before a game."

"Life support ensures the game plan is strictly adhered to without any deviations," he said.

*"These things can mean the difference between living and dying..."*

Lurch - F-15C pilot

In Cervia's deployed environment, with a higher ops tempo than at their home station, and some equipment differences, the life support team has to stay focused on any situation that arises pertaining to life support.

"No matter what time pilots come or leave, we have to make sure they have everything they need for the mission," said Valenzuela.

Communication and a close working relationship between the pilots and life support airmen is of the utmost importance when it comes to equipment, according to Claw and Lurch.

"If there is a problem with our life support gear, we have to make sure life support personnel know about it," said Claw. "If there is a breakdown in communication with life support, there is a potential for failure and we can't afford to lose any lives." (SSgt. Ron Reffegge, 493rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron contributed to this article)



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The 48th SFS DEFENDER Creed

# The 48th SFS – living by the

By AIC Russ Martin  
48th Fighter Wing public affairs

*The light of day breaks on the Liberty Wing. The roads are barren, with the exception of a few early morning service members making their way to work.*

*"Fall in," calls a flight sergeant. On a black stretch of concrete, a group of service members come together, lining up in rows, one behind the other.*

*"Report," commands the flight chief.*

*"Sir, first squad all present and accounted for," states each squad leader, rendering a salute.*

This is not the army. It's not a detachment of basic training. It's the 48th Security Forces Squadron forming up at their daily 4:15 a.m. gathering for inspection. This is known among the group as "guard mount."

The security forces squadron has been pushing the envelope for months with deployments to

Aviano AB, Italy, and Cervia AB, Italy, in January, deploying to Tuzla, Bosnia, the Surety Inspection and with the Kosovo air campaign, according to MSgt. William Carter, 48th SFS support operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

"We just finished several pre-SIs," said Carter. "We just completed the big SI. So everyone is still pretty much up-beat for the rating we received (the 48th Security Forces Squadron received an 'Excellent'). So the motivation and the attitude of the troops are up there, and is pretty high, even though the ops tempo hasn't let loose any due to the situation in Kosovo."

The current operations tempo has the security forces working 14-hour days, four days on, two days off. So to some, it's not hard to see why security forces members make the best use of their time off.

"If you have the troops out here for 14 or 15 hours, and you expect them to be the true military professionals at all times for that 14 or 15 hours – you know when their off duty they're going to let

off some steam," said Carter. "... But they know there's that line they can't cross."

"Being a cop you have to maintain standards above everyone else," said Carter. "So the standard doesn't apply only on duty, but off duty as well."

"We work hard and play hard," said SrA. Charles Flanagan, 48th SFS member. "We know our limits. So everyday, we have to buckle down and drive on and show the best image of the Air Force."

The 48th Security Forces Members are usually the first service members people see when entering the base. They give the initial impression of the base to newcomers and visitors. They have to look their best.

"At a U.S. Air Force Installation, regardless of where you go in the world, you're going to have security forces members posted on the entrance," said Carter. "Therefore, they need to maintain that high military image, which means ironed uniform, highly shined boots and a nice haircut. They have to maintain that military bearing and appearance at



SSgt. David Rosati, U.S. Air Forces in Europe security forces training flight, defends his position during a simulated counterattack at Honington. Combat training exercises are key to honing security forces members' skills.



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all times — days and nights."

The 48th SFS personnel's military bearing was evident, when it took home an "Excellent" on the United States Air Forces in Europe Surety Inspection.

The 48th Security Forces Squadron runs, what seems, exercise... after exercise... after exercise. That constant, realistic training made it possible for the security forces to receive the excellent rating on the Surety Inspection, and an Inspector General's Award of Excellence for the electronic surveillance flight.

"We simulate terrorists taking over an aircraft shelter, and we have to go retrieve it," said Carter. "We practice bomb threats and suspicious packages. We practice anti-robbery procedures at AAFES facilities, billeting or anywhere funds are stored. We practice every possible scenario that can happen on an installation. That way if it happens we're not surprised, and we know how to react."

Security forces NCOs play a large role in

training the newer airmen how to react in these scenarios.

NCOs are the fountains of knowledge for young service members just beginning to understand the military and its way of life. Often young service members turn to their NCOs for training, knowledge, and advice, according to MSgt. Gary Coleman, 48th Security Forces Squadron training NCOIC.

"The knowledge they (NCOs) give us is always put into effect," said Flanagan. "We get a lot of feedback in every exercise and daily operation. They give us something that is invaluable to us when real world contingencies may arise."

"Their work draws off of our experience," said Carter. "Sergeant Coleman's been in a few years now and so have I. Therefore, off of our experience and the base's we try to teach the new troops coming in today what we know. When we go away, retire... then they'll have the inspiration and knowledge to carry on what we taught them."

For people who train as often and intensely as the security forces, it is a chance to put their skills to the test. The 48th SFS already are deployed to different areas in support of NATO operations, testing their skills.

"I consider it a great opportunity to go out there and take everything we've trained for and apply it," said Flanagan. "I have to give all the credit to the initial wave of troops we sent when the NATO operations first starting kicking off. They set the standard. Now we have to stay at that level and make them just as proud of us as we are of them."

Carter echoes Flanagan's enthusiasm for the chance to apply real world training.

"It's what we all train for, it's what we prepare for," said Coleman. "If nothing else, that's what motivates a cop. Sitting on a static post somewhere for 12 to 14 hours is bad... that's bad juju. But if you're actually able to go out there and implement what you trained for—doing the low crawl, the high crawl



Photo by A1C Russ Martin  
A1C Michelle Brown, 48th SFS member, gets inspected by 1st Lt. Troy Austin, 48th SFS flight leader, during daily guard mount.

and all the wild, individual type of movements—that's what they're finally doing, the things they've been training for."

"We don't know what will happen in Kosovo," said Carter. "But if duty calls, we'll make sure it happens."

The flight chief accompanies the flight commander on the inspection. The flight commander starts the inspection with the first squad leader. The other squads remain at parade rest.

The flight commander, with the flight chief at his side, inspects each individual in each squad until the entire flight has been inspected. As the two approach the front of the flight, the flight chief stops one pace in front of the first squad leader. "Flight, attention," he states as he renders a salute.

The flight commander returns the salute and tells the flight chief to take charge of the flight. "At ease," says the flight chief—and the day begins for the 48th Security Forces Squadron members.

48th Security Forces Squadron is currently honoring Police Week by having a lunch time display Monday through May 14 at the base exchange.

A vehicle and weapons display, K-9 demonstration and children's identification card booth are available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 15 at the base exchange. For more information on Police Week activities call SSgt. Stephen Arbona at 7-1423.



Photo by SSgt. Scott Davis  
k by British RAF forces during an exercise at RAF



# Charlies and Bobbies

## British 'peace keepers' have rich history dating to Anglo-Saxon times



Today, county constabularies take care of policing in the United Kingdom, and RAF Lakenheath is policed by Suffolk Constabulary. It's the constabulary's duty to uphold law and order in the area. County constabularies report to the Home Office who sets ministerial priorities as a basis for local policing plans.

### Early Times

There has been a regulating body to ensure law and order for more than 1,000 years. In Anglo-Saxon times the men of a community took their turn as parish constables, and it was their job to keep the locals in order. It was known as keeping the peace. More serious crimes were considered to be against the King's Peace.

The role of parish constable was not a popular one, and the incumbents had to carry out the duties of peacekeeper alongside their normal role. Their duties included meting out punishment to wrongdoers – such as whipping vagrants 'until their backs be bloody,' ducking in the village pond, and placing offenders in the stocks so that the public knew of their crime.

There was no pay, no uniform and the individuals had only a staff of office to distinguish them from everyone else.

### Watchkeepers

The first paid police officers were known as watchkeepers, and they were introduced in 1663 in the city of London. They were known as "Charlies" and it's thought this name was used because Charles II was on the throne of England at the time.

The watchkeepers were employed to guard the streets at night, and they received a small sum of money for their duties. Their armoury included a bell, lan-

tern, rattle and staff. It was interesting that, though this poorly paid job only attracted older men, London was considered to have the most effective night police force anywhere until the end of the 18th century.

### Bow Street Runners

In 1748, with the appointment of Henry Fielding as Chief Magistrate for Westminster, the role of policing changed dramatically.

In 1750 the first constables were appointed full-time as constables. There were initially six men, and they became very successful in breaking up a number of criminal gangs. They came to be known as the Bow Street Runners.

However, this did not do much to bring down crime in London. Crime and disorder had gotten worse with the move of thousands of people from rural areas into towns and cities during the industrial revolution. This situation led to many people living in poor and overcrowded conditions, with no social care available.

One of the most difficult areas to police was the River Thames, at the time a thriving port with ships bringing goods from all over the world. This provided the ideal opportunity for thieves to ply their trade. In an attempt to counter this increase in crime, the Marine Police were introduced in 1798. They worked from boats on the river to help protect the ship owners.

### Peelers and Bobbies

Up to now, policing had been very much about reacting to crimes committed. Things changed drastically with the appointment of Sir Robert Peel to the position of Home Secretary in 1822. The next few years saw many reforms in the way policing was carried out. Peel firmly believed that it was better to prevent crime from happening rather than to catch and punish people after they had committed a crime.

The Metropolitan Police Act of 1829 introduced a single police force for the whole of London – that is for an area roughly within a circle seven miles from the centre of London. The original home of the Metropolitan Police was at 4 Whitehall Place (and it became known as Scotland Yard.)

This was the first time police officers had worn a uniform, and it was designed deliberately to make them look as much like civilians as possible. This distinctive uniform led to them being known as 'Peelers' or 'Bobbies' after their founder. The criteria to become a 'Bobbie' was that a man be under 35, healthy and strong, at least five feet seven inches in height, calm, quiet and determined, bold when required, but above all they had to keep their temper – quite a tall order. It's interesting to note that it wasn't until very recently, in 1970, that women were fully integrated into police forces.

### Tools for the Job

Much has changed from the early days of the local constable carrying out his duties on foot with only minimal assistance. Today, not only has technology made communication much easier, but the use of state of the art transportation helps in the fight against criminals.

Back in 1954 the first police dog school was opened. This was a move in recognition of the shortfall in manpower caused by the Second World War, and the valuable work that dogs had performed during the war. Working dogs became, and still are, an important tool for police officers. Initially, only male Alsations were used, but the value of other breeds has now been recognised, particularly in the detection of drugs.

### Policing Forums

In order for policing to remain effective in local communities, a body called the Police Authority has been set up in each county to ensure that the public are receiving the best possible service from their constabulary. One of the ways of doing this is public consultation, and twice a year a member of the Police Authority chairs a public meeting. The meeting is also attended by the Sector Commander who presents results for the previous six months.

The local ones are scheduled as follows, and you are welcome to attend one of the meetings.

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## DODEA survey results released



By Andrew Zacharias  
DODDS superintendent

The district and school summaries for the Customer Satisfaction Survey for Department of Defense Education Activity are now available.

Surveys were sent out to parents and teachers to evaluate seven United Kingdom schools in May 1998. The remaining parents and teachers for six other schools will be surveyed in the spring of 1999. The seven schools include: Alconbury High School, Feltwell Elementary School, Iceland Elementary School, Lakenheath Elementary School, Lakenheath Middle School, Liberty Intermediate School, and Menwith Hill School.

Those surveyed were asked to rank from one to 10 the major quality indicators such as school bussing, administration and teachers, computer technology, communication/involvement, equipment/facilities, and curriculum/training. In the UK District, responses in all categories were high, with most quality indicators scoring a numerical rating of 7.0 or better. Ratings are on a 10-point scale.

The customer satisfaction survey is designed to provide information to schools so they can focus on areas that will have the greatest impact on satisfaction and student performance.

See Survey results on Page 18



Photo by SrA. Tony Tolley

### Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

(From left to right) Liza Balisi, SSgt. Nelz Ruiz, Ana Yabut, MSgt. Efren Balisi and MSgt. Fernando Lopez from the Filipino - American Friendship Club perform Singkil, a Muslim dance and native to the Philippines. The dance took place April 29 as part of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

This year's theme is "Celebrating Our Legacy". Some activities include:

□ Student artwork with "Celebrating Our Legacy" theme will be displayed at the RAF Lakenheath Base Exchange during an open house May 22.

□ Food tasting, games, and contests will also be featured at the open house. Asian food will be featured at the 48<sup>th</sup> Medical Group's Liberty Café May 20.

□ The Asian Open golf tournament is slated for May 14.

□ A banquet will be held at 6 p.m. May 28 at the RAF Mildenhall Galaxy Club. The banquet features music, songs, and dances from the Asian continent. Call SSgt Ruiz at 89-2417 or Capt Heberlein at 7-8172 for more information.

## Briefs

### Kosovo briefings

The RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center offers individual consultations to parents and children concerning the 48th Fighter Wing's involvement in the current situation. For more information call Mike Cooley or Barbara Board at 7-3847.

### Charitable funding

Any organization interested in receiving funds from the RAF Lakenheath Officers' and Civilians' Spouses' Club should contact Sue Reese at (01842) 827527 by May 15.

### Family support center aid

MSgt. Patrick Doan, 48th Mission Support Squadron, is THE Liberty Wing contact for families with deployed members. People who have questions or need help can reach him in the RAF Lakenheath Family Support Center at (01638) 523847 during duty hours or through the command post at (01638) 524800 after duty hours.



A car care program is offered for families with deployed members. The program, paid by Air Force Aid, allows each family to have an oil change, lubrication and a 14-point safety check on the primary family vehicle.





Photo by SrA Louis Rivers

## Story hour

Kevin Crossby-Holland, English children's book author, reads to children at RAF Lakenheath Elementary School Monday as part of May story hour.

The May story hour is about English folk tales. Story hour is from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and May 26. For details, call 7-3713.

Polly Howat will tell English folk tales at 3:45 p.m. for children 4 to 6 years old with parents and at 4:30 p.m. for 7 to 12 year olds May 19. She tells stories about Cambridge, Norfolk and others areas. For more information, call 7-3713.

## Services

### Salsa competition

The Shepherd's Grove Community Center sponsors a Cinco de Mayo salsa competition and potluck from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday. People should make their best salsa and enter it in competition to find the hottest salsa. For more information, call (01359) 250269.

### Balloon deliveries

The RAF Lakenheath Community Center takes orders for Mother's Day balloon deliveries, and costs start at \$8.50. Deliveries can be made to housing areas and work places beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday. Deliveries can't be made to restricted areas. Call 7-2221 to order.

The Shepherd's Grove Community Center offers Mother's Day balloon bouquets for the Shepherd's Grove area, and prices start at \$8.50. Deliveries are made from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Call (01359) 250269 for details.

### Mother's Day brunches

The Liberty Club sponsors a Mother's

Day brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The brunch features specialty entrees, salads, breakfast, dessert and more. Each mother receives a flower. Cost is \$12.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 7-2489.

An all-ranks Mother's Day brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the RAF Lakenheath Officers' Club. The brunch features specialty entrees, breakfast and dessert bars, salads and more. Cost is \$12.95 for adults, \$4.95 for children 6 to 12, and free for children 5 and under. Call 7-2535 to make reservations or for more details.

### School registration

Pre-register children for the 1999/2000 school year at the RAF Lakenheath Officers' Club Tuesday. After registration, families can enjoy an all-ranks "no limits" buffet beginning at 4 p.m. The buffet features spaghetti with meat sauce, lasagna and garlic bread. Cost is \$5.50 for club members, \$2 for children 6 to 12, and free for children under 6. For more information, call 7-2535.

## At the movies

RAF Lakenheath

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7 p.m. - "Life" (R) Starring Eddy Murphy and Martin Lawrence. Two men are wrongly accused of murder and sentenced to life in prison. Over the next 60 years, their humorous way of looking at life prevails, and they never lose faith that one day they will walk as free men.  
10 p.m. - "A Simple Plan" (PG-13) Starring Bill Paxton and Billy Bob Thornton. The quiet rural lives of three men erupt in greed and darkness when they find \$4 million.

Saturday

2 p.m. - "My Favorite Martian" (PG) Starring Jeff Daniels and Christopher Lloyd. Ambitious TV reporter Tim O'Hara stumbles upon a Martian whose spaceship has accidentally crashed on Earth.  
4 p.m. - "My Favorite Martian" (PG)  
7 p.m. - "A Simple Plan" (PG-13)  
10 p.m. - "Life" (R)

Sunday

2 p.m. - "A Bug's Life" (G) Animated. Ants perform double duty at harvest time, they gather food for themselves and a gang of greedy grasshoppers. But they soon take a stand against the grasshoppers and with the help of circus fleas, they fight back.  
4 p.m. - "My Favorite Martian" (PG)  
7 p.m. - "Life" (R)

Monday

7 p.m. - "A Little Voice" (NR) Starring Michael Caine and Jane Horrocks. An ambitious agent turns a shy housebound girl into a single transpire public performance.

Tuesday

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG-13) Starring Robin Williams and Kevin Costner. While on a deserted beach, a woman finds a romantic message in a bottle. The letter's poetry and heartache reach her, and she searches out the author, a sailboat builder on the Outer Banks.

Wednesday

7 p.m. - "A Simple Plan" (PG-13)

Thursday

7 p.m. - "Life" (R)

May 14

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG-13)  
10 p.m. - "Glory" (R) Starring Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman. Set during the Civil War, an all-black regiment is put together to aid the Union in victory. Despite racism and discrimination, the regiment fights its way to fame.

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Today

7 p.m. - "A Simple Plan" (PG)  
9:30 p.m. - "Life" (R)

Saturday

2 p.m. - "Mulan" (G) Animated. A young Japanese girl disguises herself as a boy to join the army. With the aid of other unusual oddball dragons, she saves her family and herself honor.

Sunday

4 p.m. - "Pocahontas" (G) Animated. The British colonization of Jamestown sparks a romantic interlude between a young Indian princess and a British sea captain. Their love for each other is threatened by growing hostilities between the British and native Indians.  
7 p.m. - "Loose and Foused" (PG-13) Starring David Spade and Sophie Marceau. A desperate lover finds himself the perfect girl. The problem is she already has the perfect man.

Monday

2 p.m. - "You've Got Mail" (PG) Starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. Joe Fox and Kathleen Kelly are two bookstore owners who battle each other in real life. They unwittingly become each other in cyberspace and fall in love via modem.

Tuesday

4 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG)

7 p.m. - "Loose and Foused" (PG-13)

Wednesday

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG)

Thursday

7 p.m. - "Payback" (R) Starring Mel Gibson and Gregg Kinnear. A criminal is on a quest to get a pay from the man who stole him after a heist. But getting his payback so fast easy as he hoped.

Friday

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG-13)

Saturday

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG-13)

Sunday

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG-13)

May 17

7 p.m. - "Message in a Bottle" (PG-13)

## Survey results From Page 17

Main survey concerns are shown below as percentages following the focus:

**Elementary Students:**  
Examine teacher/student relationships - 41 percent  
More interesting homework - 44 percent  
Review of all school rules - 26 percent  
Improve school computers - 28 percent  
**Secondary Students:**  
Examine academic curriculum - 34 percent  
Allow student input - 31 percent  
Clarify discipline policy - 25 percent  
Improve school computers - 24 percent  
Determine ways to prepare students for college - 26 percent  
**Teachers:**  
Make discipline more effective - 30 percent  
Improve communication with DSO - 33 percent  
Increase parent support - 25 percent  
Encourage recognition of teachers - 25 percent  
**Parents:**  
Review the academic curriculum - 31 percent  
Improve communication techniques for child's academic performance - 31 percent and extracurricular activities - 30 percent  
Examine and clarify homework - 33 and 24 percent  
School's leadership are now examining these areas of concern and recommendations as they correlate to the DoDDS benchmarks in their School Improvement Plans. This data will be useful to determine priorities for change and modification of these school plans.



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Pablo Graham, Lancers' number 21, gets the ball stripped from him by two Heidelberg High School varsity players during a Lakenheath High School soccer match Saturday. Heidelberg went on to defeat the Lancers 3 to 1.

## Sports shorts

### Family fun day

To promote National Fitness Month, the RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center and the RAF Lakenheath Health and Wellness Center sponsor a family fun day from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. today at the high school track.

### New fitness center hours

The RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center now opens at 8 a.m. on weekends and holidays. Call 7-3607 for more details.

### Summer bowling leagues

All Liberty Lanes summer league bowlers are eligible for discounts on food, open bowling and pro-shop items. Select from the following leagues: short season, scratch, women's, junior/adult or mixed. Call 7-2108 for more information.

### Swim lesson registration

Children's swim lesson registration for pre-school and after-school lessons begins at 11:30 a.m. May 14. Full details of swimming enrollments are available from the pool staff at 7-2815.

### 5K run venue change

The 5K run and one and a half mile walk initially scheduled at High Lodge Park in Thetford Forest is now at the RAF Lakenheath Fitness and Sports Center. Show time is at 11 a.m. Call 7-3609 for more information.

### Baseball/softball registration

People can sign up through June 4 for baseball and softball for youth 5 to 18. The season begins June 21. Call 7-3180 for more information.

### Adult skating

The RAF Lakenheath Skating Rink offers adult skating from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays. Cost is \$2 per person, and participants must be 18 or older. Call 7-1627 for more information.

### May Tae Kwon Do

The Feltwell Community Center offers Tae Kwon Do Tuesday, Thursday, May 17, 19, 25, 27 and 31. Cost is \$25 for eight classes. Classes are 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes are for those seven years old and older. Call 7-7023 for details.

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